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Newsletter

LB Sustainability

Programs in Numbers Q2 2018

Mulch Delivery & Pickup:

154 Deliveries

4,777 since 2010

86.4 Tons

2,919 since 2010

Parkway Tree Planting:

Planting paused for
summer months.

Compost Pilot Program:

8.8 tons

279 since 2014

Edible Garden Food Donations

30 pounds

1,014 since 2011



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Long Beach Hosts Inaugural Ranchos Walk

The Inaugural Ranchos Walk brought 400 residents and visitors together to experience Long Beach in a whole new way. Beginning at 8 a.m., participants took a walk through history, following a trail that links Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos. This 9.4-mile scenic walk also connects the California State University, Long Beach campus, Reservoir Hill, Hilltop Park in Signal Hill, Longview Point at Willow Springs Park, and Rancho Los Cerritos. The Ranchos Walk ended at Rancho Los Cerritos with a Welcome Festival where participants enjoyed food and refreshments, as well as tours of the Rancho.

"The Ranchos Walk follows the crest of the Signal Hill uplift so participants will be able to see the city from high viewpoints they maybe didn't know existed before," said Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator. "This path is near one that would have connected the Ranchos before Long Beach was founded."

In addition to the full 9.5-mile urban hike, the event also featured 6-mile and 3.5-mile route options for participants. The walking route was entered into the izi. TRAVEL app to provide route guidance and information about points of interest along the route. More information is available at www.longbeach.gov/ranchoswalk.

The City's Office of Sustainability, Department of Public Works and Department of Health and Human Services have partnered with Walk Long Beach to host this urban hike event. The event seeks to create an active and fun way for hikers to discover neighborhoods, historic landmarks, and vista points, while also highlighting pedestrian safety and awareness. We hope you can join us for Ranchos Walk 2019!

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LONG BEACH

Commissioner Spotlight

Get to know the members of the Sustainable City Commission. Here is your representative from District 1.



Jenny Novak is a recently married downtown Long Beach resident with a passion for making the world a more resilient and sustainable place. She serves on the Downtown Residential Council and is involved with the North Pine Neighborhood Association. Jenny has spent over a decade working in emergency management, and currently works for the state of California coordinating response and recovery efforts for natural disasters and human-caused incidents. Jenny earned an M.A. degree in Geography from the USC, where she served as the president of the Graduate Student Government and led the implementation of a subsidized transit program. Jenny enjoys writing, public speaking, traveling and biking.



Long Beach Recognizes Green Certified Businesses

The City recognized the first Long Beach businesses to be certified by its new Green Business Program. The event

was held at Primal Alchemy, Long Beach's first Green Certified catering company. Other businesses recognized at the event were Bowman Change, The Depot for Creative Reuse, Retail Design Collaborative & Studio One Eleven, Sacred Roots, Farm URBANA – Meghiddo Architects, and Form and Movement. Environmental benefits of the program include reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, reduced waste, water conservation, and reduced pollution.

"Small businesses are at the heart of the Long Beach economy and have the power to make a huge impact on how our community is able to meet its environmental goals," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "I'm proud to recognize these businesses that have gone above and beyond to protect the planet."

Long Beach launched a new Green Business Program this year under the California Green Business Network (CAGBN), which provides a statewide standard of sustainability for Green Business Certification. This Certification is provided free of charge to all Long Beach businesses, and the program connects businesses

with any resources and incentive programs available to help them go green.

"We want to help businesses to reduce their impact on the environment and recognize the great work they do to help our community be more sustainable," said Sustainability Coordinator Larry Rich. "There are many simple actions businesses can take that make a big impact."

For more information about the program visit www.longbeach.gov/greenbusiness.

Garden Workshops

Don't miss the upcoming Edible Garden Workshops! To RSVP or for ADA arrangements, contact Kelsey.Forster@longbeach.gov.

First Monday of the month, 11am-12pm

The Civic Center Edible Garden is located at the Civic Center Plaza at 333 W Ocean Blvd. Enter the plaza from Ocean and go up the stairs through the first gate on the right.



Long Beach Receives Beacon Award

The City of Long Beach was awarded a Silver Level Beacon Award recognizing its actions to address climate change, promote energy innovation, and create more sustainable communities.

"I am proud of our City's achievements in addressing climate change and protecting our environment," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "I want to thank the Beacon Program for this recognition. We will continue to create more sustainable communities here in Long Beach."

Participating agencies can earn Beacon Spotlight Awards in five different categories. To win an overall Beacon Award, participants must demonstrate achievements in all five areas. The City of Long Beach earned a Spotlight Award in each category, qualifying the City for a Full Beacon Award at the Silver Level. Spotlight Awards received were:

- Silver Level Award for 7% Community GHG Reductions.
- Gold Level Award for 16% Agency GHG Reductions.
- Silver Level Award for 7% Energy Savings.
- Platinum Level Award for 27% Natural Gas Savings.
- Platinum Level Award in Sustainability Best Practices.

"The City has been able to reduce its environmental impact even as it has grown, which is a great sign of our progress towards a truly sustainable city" said Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator.

Program Spotlight: EV Charger Give-away

The City of Long Beach Office of Sustainability is giving away free electric vehicle (EV) chargers to Long Beach residents who obtain a permit for the charger's installation.



Now you can also get up to **\$1,500 in rebates** on installation costs from Southern California Edison.

There has never been a better time to install an EV charger in Long Beach!

Apply for your FREE EV charger online at
<http://bit.ly/EVgiveaway>

Recipients will be responsible for any and all related expenses, including City permit and inspection fees.

For permitting information, contact Building and Permit Information at (562) 570-5237.

Single family homes and buildings with 4 units or less may qualify for an expedited permit.

Small Change, Big Impact - Take the CAAP Survey!

The City of Long Beach is developing its first-ever Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), and we want you to be part of the process! Anyone who lives, works, or plays in Long Beach is encouraged to take the CAAP survey to share ideas, priorities, and solutions to help establish and achieve the City's climate goals. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Khmer, and Tagalog. Together, we can make Long Beach a safer, healthier, and more sustainable city.



Take the CAAP survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ClimateActionAdaptationPlan

Find more information on the CAAP: www.lbds.info/climateactionlb/. Join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter using #CAAPLB.

Sustainable City Commission Meetings

Every fourth Thursday at 4:00pm
in City Council Chambers.

October 25, 2018

Presentations: Mayor's Office
on the Green Airport Policy,
Public Works on the Breakwater
Reconfiguration Plans, and
Sustainability Staff on the 2018
Office of Sustainability Work Plan

December 5, 2018

Presentations: TBD

January 24, 2018

Presentations: TBD

Certified Green Businesses

As part of the California Green Business Network (CAGBN), Long Beach certifies and recognizes green businesses for their efforts to protect the environment. Below are the businesses that were certified this quarter.

Learn more at www.longbeach.gov/greenbusiness.

bowman.change

form & MOVEMENT
PILATES ON THE BAY

The Long Beach Depot for
Creative Reuse

REI
DESIGN

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Farm
URBANA

PRIMAL
ALCHEMY
cooking what nature provides

SACRED ROOTS
HOLISTIC HEALING

HISTORIC PAST

INNOVATIVE PRESENT

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Long Beach Sustainability's Mission is to provide policies and programs that

Advance **environmental stewardship**,

Support **local sustainability practices**, &

Create a **more livable** and **resilient** Long Beach.

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